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1. A former [] official stated recently that the Government of Burma (GOB) is confident it has the Communists in Burma on the run. The GOB cites the recent capture of Thakin THAN TUN's headquarters as having turned the Communists into uncoordinated roving bands.
 2. With the exception of some scattered banditry, the GOB expects to be in full control of the country by late 1953, unless the international situation disrupts things.
 3. Most of the Burmese Communists are willing to surrender now, except the hard core of leaders who are taking to the hills in the hope of rebuilding with foreign aid.

25X1A Comment. Recent GOB successes against the insurgents have strengthened the Government's position, but this estimate is probably too optimistic.

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